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Attached is a Response to Restriction Requirement, and a Preliminary Amendment.

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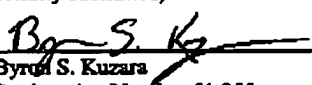
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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***In re* Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted with a Response to Restriction Requirement, in which claims 1-11 are withdrawn from consideration. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: